

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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Status of PMGSY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some proposals under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana are lying pending for environment and forest clearance;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether his ministry has taken up this issue with the Ministry of Environment and Forests and Climate Change;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for early approval of the said proposals?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) & (b): Rural Roads is a State subject and implementation of PMGSY is being done by the State Governments. State-wise details of works pending for environment and forest clearance are at Annexure-I.

(c) to (e): As per programme guidelines, PMGSY does not provide funds for Land Acquisition. The State Governments are responsible to certify and ensure that lands, free from all encumbrances are available for taking up the proposed road works. The State Governments are required to lay down guidelines for voluntary donation, exchange or other mechanisms to ensure availability of land for all proposed roads, including roads in forest areas. Time bound construction of all cleared projects is the responsibility of the State. Considering the delay in forest clearances at various levels in State and Ministry of Environment and Forests, the progress of delayed projects is being constantly reviewed in Empowered Committee and Regional Review Meetings by the Ministry. The need to ensure timely completion of all permissions in this regard has been flagged to Chief Secretaries of concerned States and Secretary, Ministry of Environment & Forests for ensuring better interdepartmental coordination and prompt clearances.
